

# York Co. Holstein Picnic At Furnace Creek

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Hanover (York County) —  
Animal rights, cattle judging, and  
chicken barbeque headlined the  
program at the annual York Coun-

ty Holstein picnic, hosted July 30  
at Furnace Creek Farms.  
Relaxing in a shaded back-yard  
setting, after a morning of cattle  
facility tours, cattle judging and a  
chicken dinner, the audience of

dairy producers were briefed on  
activists with agendas aimed at  
doing away with 'animal  
agriculture.'

"Most of the United States  
population has little relationship  
with animals, except as pets," said  
Mark LaRochelle, representative for  
Putting People First. The  
Washington, D.C.- based non-  
profit, private organization is pro-  
animal agriculture and animal  
research.

"Putting People First wants to  
reach the people in the middle to  
explain the difference between  
'animal rights' and 'animal welfare'",  
LaRochelle elaborated.  
"Improved animal welfare actual-  
ly impedes the cause of animal  
rightists; they want animals to be  
worse off, not better off, because it  
furtheres their cause. Anything you  
do to care for your animals better,  
the 'animal rightists' are against."

LaRochelle encouraged York  
Holstein members to contact their  
congressional representatives in  
support of House Bill 2407, legis-  
lation which would make acts of  
destruction and violence at animal  
facilities a federal offense.

"Know what materials and  
programs are in your schools, your  
libraries," he further urged. "Animal  
rightists work to get their  
agenda through schools, through  
legislation, through terror. They  
know they can't win this genera-  
tion, but could the next, through  
the educational system."

Putting People First now has  
some 45,000 members in 39 state  
chapters. Annual individual mem-  
bership fee is \$15.

In the two-class judging con-  
test, youth division senior winner  
and York dairy princess Shannon  
Doll topped all participants with a  
perfect score. Other youth divi-  
sion winners were siblings Greg  
and Michelle Walker, taking the  
intermediate and junior age  
groups; and Bethany Zirkle, who  
topped the under-8 group. Adult  
division winners were Joyce Bupp  
and Scott Cooper. Official contest  
judge was Steve Woods from  
Penn Gate Holsteins, Littlestown.

Picnic hosts Frank and Sandy  
Feeser own and operate the Fur-  
nace Creek dairy farm, located on  
Pumping Station Road. The cou-



Picnic hosts Frank and Sandy Feeser prepare to serve barbeque chicken dinners to York Holstein members.



Holstein picnic judging winners included, from left front, Bethany Zirkle, Michelle Walker and Greg Walker, rear, Scott Cooper and Shannon Doll.

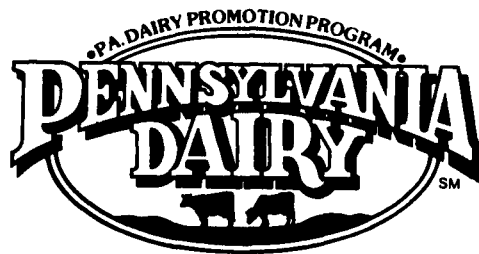


Mark LaRochelle of Putting People First updated York Holstein members attending the county picnic on legislation addressing facility terrorism by animal rights and animal welfare groups.

ple took over operations of the  
registered Holstein herd in 1981  
from Frank's father Roy, who  
started farming 55 years ago on  
the site near today's Codorus State  
Park.

are milked in a double-six parlor,  
with automatic takeoffs. Rolling  
herd average is 21,200 milk and  
663 protein. Feeding is for a  
75-pound average production,  
based on haylage and high mois-  
ture corn, with protein concen-  
trates as needed.

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